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Session 1: Word List

shabby

adj. (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect

synonym: dilapidated, run-down, shoddy

(1) **shabby** appearance, (2) **shabby** treatment

The **shabby** couch had seen better days.

throng

n. a large crowd of people

synonym: crowd, horde, mob

(1) **throng** of flag-waving, (2) **throng** of emotions

The **throng** of people made it hard to move through the crowd.

brilliantly

adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

synonym: brightly, radiantly, excellently

(1) **brilliantly** executed, (2) **brilliantly** lit

He played the piano **brilliantly** at the concert.

twilight

n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

synonym: dusk, sunset, gloaming

(1) **twilight** sky, (2) **twilight** of an era

The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at **twilight**.

drape

v. to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

synonym: cover, hang, arrange

(1) **drape** a coat, (2) **drape** a curtain

She **draped** a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

filmy

adj. thin and translucent; like film

synonym: sheer, translucent, diaphanous

(1) **filmy** clouds, (2) **filmy** dress

The curtains were made of a **filmy**, sheer material that let in plenty of light.

admiration

n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

synonym: respect, esteem, appreciation

(1) ungrudging **admiration**, (2) **admiration** by other people

The artist received **admiration** for their work from critics and fans alike.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym: dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

wistful

adj. expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing

synonym: longing, nostalgic, pensive

(1) in a **wistful** mood, (2) **wistful** feeling

He had a **wistful** look in his eyes as he remembered the past.

plume

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym: feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

violet

adj. between blue and purple in hue

synonym : purple

(1) bluish- **violet**, (2) **violet** quartz

Red and **violet** are opposites on the color spectrum.

mink

n. a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe

synonym : fur, pelt

(1) the texture of **mink**, (2) **mink** fur

She wrapped herself in the luxurious **mink** coat on the cold winter day.

unmistakable

adj. clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

synonym : apparent, clear, definite

(1) find **unmistakable** evidence, (2) **unmistakable** difference

His talent for singing is **unmistakable**.

throb

v. to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart

synonym : pulse, beat, pound

(1) **throb** at the thought of the accident, (2) **throb** with excitement

The wound continued to **throb** with pain, despite the medication.

mottled

adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades

synonym : speckled, spotted, marbled

(1) **mottled** skin, (2) a **mottled** stripe

The **mottled** leaves on the tree indicated a disease.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

ablaze

adj. on fire; burning brightly

synonym : burning, alight, on fire

(1) sky **ablaze** with stars, (2) **ablaze** with passion

The building was **ablaze** with fire.

turban

n. a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face

synonym : headwrap, headscarf, headcloth

(1) **turban** on head, (2) **turban** shell

The man wore a **turban** as part of his traditional cultural attire.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

otter

n. a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas

(1) **otter** in the river, (2) sea- **otter** fur

The playful **otter** swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.

queer

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

synonym : strange, odd, unusual

(1) **queer** money, (2) **queer** fashion

The behavior of the clown at the party was quite **queer**.

caudal

adj. pertaining to the tail end of a body

synonym : tail, posterior, aft

(1) **caudal** appendage, (2) **caudal** region

The **caudal** fin of the fish was slightly damaged but still functional.

pluck

v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers

synonym : grab, pull out, pick

(1) **pluck** a gray hair, (2) **pluck** out weeds

She **plucked** the flowers off the bush.

ragged

adj. (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered

synonym : tattered, frayed, worn

(1) **ragged** edge, (2) **ragged** clothing

The old flag was **ragged** and torn.

tremulous

adj. tending to shake or quiver; timid

synonym : shaky, timid, nervous

(1) **tremulous** handwriting, (2) **tremulous** hand

Her voice was **tremulous** as she spoke in front of a large audience.

resolute

adj. firm in purpose or belief; determined

synonym : determined, steadfast, unwavering

(1) **resolute** defiance, (2) **resolute** action

He was **resolute** in his determination to succeed.

slam

v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

synonym : bang, crash, shut

(1) **slam** the door, (2) **slam** the book against a wall

She **slammed** the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.

bluish

adj. having a color that is a shade of blue

synonym: blue, azure, navy

(1) **bluish** cloth, (2) **bluish** color

The flowers had a **bluish** tint, indicating they needed to be riper.

immerse

v. to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered

synonym: dip, inundate, submerge

(1) **immerse** the cloth in the dye, (2) completely **immerse** the ingredient

He **immersed** himself in his research.

lather

n. a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning

synonym: foam, suds, froth

(1) creamy **lather**, (2) **lather** of foam

The bar of soap produced a thick **lather** as she washed her hands.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym: hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

daze

n. the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise

synonym: stupor, confusion, (verb) stun

(1) walk around in a **daze**, (2) **daze** of sleep

He was in a **daze** from the sudden news and couldn't process it properly.

creditor *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**
I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

ostrich *n.* a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill
synonym: bird, flightless bird
(1) **ostrich** eggs, (2) **ostrich** feathers
The farmers raise **ostriches** for their meat, eggs, and feathers.

ransack *v.* to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
synonym: pillage, loot, plunder
(1) **ransack** a house, (2) **ransack** a town
Burglars **ransacked** the store, stealing everything of value.

plunge *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
synonym: dive, drop, thrust
(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart
The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

grope *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
synonym: fumble, feel, pat
(1) **grope** after the truth, (2) **grope** for an answer
He was forced to **grope** in the dark for the light switch.

eloquent *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
synonym: persuasive, fluent, well-spoken
(1) an **eloquent** speaker, (2) **eloquent** writing
She gave an **eloquent** speech at the graduation ceremony.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

quiver

v. to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion

synonym : shake, tremble, shiver

(1) **quiver** in the breeze, (2) **quiver** with excitement

The archer's hands **quivered** as he aimed the arrow at the target.

indignant

adj. angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment

synonym : outraged, resentful, incensed

(1) **indignant** expression, (2) an **indignant** denial

She was **indignant** when she heard the news.

abrupt

adj. sudden and unexpected

synonym : sudden, unexpected, quick

(1) **abrupt** departure, (2) speak in an **abrupt** manner

The sudden, **abrupt** change in weather caught everyone by surprise.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym : long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

creep

v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

synonym : crawl, glide, encroach

(1) **creep** along the leaf, (2) **creep** toward the mouse

Ageing **creeps** up slowly with time.

disillusion

v. to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

synonym: disenchant, disappoint, embitter

(1) **disillusion** the young, (2) **disillusion** him about reality
She felt **disillusioned** with the management and decided to leave.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym: forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response
She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

demur

v. to raise objections or show reluctance

synonym: object, protest, oppose

(1) **demur** at the claim, (2) **demur** at the proposal
When asked to participate in the project, she **demurred**, saying she was too busy.

fumble

v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

synonym: botch, bumble, mishandle

(1) **fumble** about in a bag, (2) **fumble** a grounder
The receiver **fumbled** the ball, and the other team recovered it.

radiant

adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly

synonym: shining, glowing, brilliant

(1) **radiant** smile, (2) **radiant** light
She looked **radiant** on her wedding day.

dingy

adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty

synonym: gloomy, dirty, drab

(1) **dingy** apartment, (2) **dingy** lighting

The **dingy** room needed a fresh coat of paint.

huddle

v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
synonym: cluster, crowd, group

(1) **huddle** in a temporary shelter, (2) **huddle** around the open fire

The children **huddled** together for warmth in the cold winter storm.

cot

n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
synonym: bed, bunk, pallet

(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**

The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy
synonym: energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

kindle

v. to start a fire; to light
synonym: ignite, light, start

(1) **kindle** strife, (2) **kindle** a passion

He **kindled** a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.

diffident

adj. lacking self-confidence; shy
synonym: shy, uncertain, unconfident

(1) **diffident** attitude, (2) a **diffident** person

He was **diffident** when meeting new people, often struggling to make conversation.

accost

v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
synonym: approach, confront, speak to

(1) **accost** a stranger, (2) **accost** a suspect

The man **accosted** her on the street and asked for money.

salesperson

n. a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

synonym: dealer, seller, vendor

(1) a **salesperson** in a store, (2) a drapery **salesperson**

He received the title of the best **salesperson** in all our branches worldwide.

bosom

n. a woman's breasts or chest

synonym: breast, bust, chest

(1) a generous **bosom**, (2) a **bosom** friend

He carried a knife in his **bosom**.

ebb

n. the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede

synonym: regression, decline, (verb) decrease

(1) **ebb** and flow, (2) at a low **ebb**

The tide was at its **ebb**, revealing the sandy beach.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

infer

v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

synonym : guess, deduce, assume

(1) **infer** quality from price, (2) **infer** the possibility

Animal desire and preference are always **inferred** from their behavior.

reluctantly

adv. in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

synonym : unwillingly, hesitantly, grudgingly

(1) **reluctantly** approve the idea, (2) **reluctantly** leave

He **reluctantly** agreed to go to the party.

Session 2: Spelling

1. d__e of sleep
n. the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise
2. os____h eggs
n. a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill
3. tw____ht of an era
n. the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
4. ye__n for love
v. to strongly desire or long for something
5. a mo____d stripe
adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades
6. vi____t quartz
adj. between blue and purple in hue
7. ra____t light
adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly
8. ob____us of his promise
adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
9. the texture of m__k
n. a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe
10. wi____l feeling
adj. expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing
11. ra____k a town
v. to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner

ANSWERS: 1. daze, 2. ostrich, 3. twilight, 4. yearn, 5. mottled, 6. violet, 7. radiant, 8. oblivious, 9. mink, 10. wistful, 11. ransack

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| 12. sky ab___e with stars | <i>adj.</i> on fire; burning brightly |
| 13. el_____nt writing | <i>adj.</i> able to speak or write clearly and impressively |
| 14. fi__y clouds | <i>adj.</i> thin and translucent; like film |
| 15. la___r of foam | <i>n.</i> a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning |
| 16. th___g of emotions | <i>n.</i> a large crowd of people |
| 17. bl___h color | <i>adj.</i> having a color that is a shade of blue |
| 18. qu__r money | <i>adj.</i> strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way |
| 19. li___r over your work | <i>v.</i> to stay in a place or exist longer than expected |
| 20. pl__k a gray hair | <i>v.</i> to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers |
| 21. hu___e around the open fire | <i>v.</i> to crowd or press closely together; cuddle |
| 22. fi__y dress | <i>adj.</i> thin and translucent; like film |
| 23. m__k fur | <i>n.</i> a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe |
| 24. walk around in a d__e | <i>n.</i> the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise |

ANSWERS: 12. ablaze, 13. eloquent, 14. filmy, 15. lather, 16. throng, 17. bluish, 18. queer, 19. linger, 20. pluck, 21. huddle, 22. filmy, 23. mink, 24. daze

25. ac___t a stranger *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
26. a sal_____on in a store *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
27. re_____te defiance *adj.* firm in purpose or belief; determined
28. qu___r with excitement *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
29. tu___n on head *n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face
30. gr___e after the truth *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
31. adm_____on by other people *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
32. mo_____d skin *adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades
33. in_____nt expression *adj.* angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment
34. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
35. qu___r in the breeze *v.* to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
36. creamy la___r *n.* a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
37. in__r the possibility *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
38. s__m the book against a wall *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily

ANSWERS: 25. accost, 26. salesperson, 27. resolute, 28. quiver, 29. turban, 30. grope, 31. admiration, 32. mottled, 33. indignant, 34. creditor, 35. quiver, 36. lather, 37. infer, 38. slam

39. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
40. fu___e a grounder *v.* to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
41. gr__e for an answer *v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see
42. e_b and flow *n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
43. di__y apartment *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
44. fa___e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
45. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
46. ab___t departure *adj.* sudden and unexpected
47. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
48. ab___e with passion *adj.* on fire; burning brightly
49. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
50. ungrudging adm_____on *n.* the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something
51. ac___t a suspect *v.* to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently
52. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 39. creditor, 40. fumble, 41. grope, 42. ebb, 43. dingy, 44. famine, 45. persuasive, 46. abrupt, 47. drown, 48. ablaze, 49. drown, 50. admiration, 51. accost, 52. sham

53. ra____k a house
v. to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
54. rel_____ly leave
adv. in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
55. in a wi_____l mood
adj. expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing
56. li____r in the mind
v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
57. sh____y appearance
adj. (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect
58. an in_____nt denial
adj. angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment
59. find unm_____ble evidence
adj. clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
60. fu____e about in a bag
v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something
61. pi____n on the roof
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
62. pl__k out weeds
v. to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
63. ca____l region
adj. pertaining to the tail end of a body
64. cr__p toward the mouse
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard

ANSWERS: 53. ransack, 54. reluctantly, 55. wistful, 56. linger, 57. shabby, 58. indignant, 59. unmistakable, 60. fumble, 61. pigeon, 62. pluck, 63. caudal, 64. creep

65. th__b at the thought of the accident *v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart
66. dr__e a coat *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material
67. baby's c_t *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
68. completely im_____e the ingredient *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
69. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
70. ki___e a passion *v.* to start a fire; to light
71. bri_____ly lit *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
72. ki___e strife *v.* to start a fire; to light
73. unm_____ble difference *adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand
74. bl___h cloth *adj.* having a color that is a shade of blue
75. in__r quality from price *v.* to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts
76. dr__e a curtain *v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

ANSWERS: 65. throb, 66. drape, 67. cot, 68. immerse, 69. famine, 70. kindle, 71. brilliantly, 72. kindle, 73. unmistakable, 74. bluish, 75. infer, 76. drape

77. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
78. ra___d clothing *adj.* (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered
79. c_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
80. ra___d edge *adj.* (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered
81. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
82. bluish-vi___t *adj.* between blue and purple in hue
83. an el_____nt speaker *adj.* able to speak or write clearly and impressively
84. dis_____on the young *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
85. os_____h feathers *n.* a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill
86. tr_____us handwriting *adj.* tending to shake or quiver; timid
87. tw_____ht sky *n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset

ANSWERS: 77. plume, 78. ragged, 79. cot, 80. ragged, 81. plunge, 82. violet, 83. eloquent, 84. disillusion, 85. ostrich, 86. tremulous, 87. twilight

88. the vi_____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
89. th____g of flag-waving *n.* a large crowd of people
90. ca____l appendage *adj.* pertaining to the tail end of a body
91. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
92. rel_____ly approve the idea *adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation
93. tr_____us hand *adj.* tending to shake or quiver; timid
94. ot__r in the river *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
95. sea-ot__r fur *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
96. ra_____t smile *adj.* emitting light or heat; shining brightly
97. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
98. sh____y treatment *adj.* (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect
99. di_____nt attitude *adj.* lacking self-confidence; shy
100. a generous bo__m *n.* a woman's breasts or chest

ANSWERS: 88. vitality, 89. throng, 90. caudal, 91. disrupt, 92. reluctantly, 93. tremulous, 94. otter, 95. otter, 96. radiant, 97. oblivious, 98. shabby, 99. diffident, 100. bosom

101. a bo__m friend *n.* a woman's breasts or chest
102. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
103. de__r at the claim *v.* to raise objections or show reluctance
104. cr__p along the leaf *v.* to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
105. de__r at the proposal *v.* to raise objections or show reluctance
106. re____te action *adj.* firm in purpose or belief; determined
107. a racing pi____n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
108. a di____nt person *adj.* lacking self-confidence; shy
109. di__y lighting *adj.* dark, gloomy, and dirty
110. at a low e_b *n.* the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede
111. tu____n shell *n.* a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face
112. dis____on him about reality *v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed
113. bri____ly executed *adv.* in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively

ANSWERS: 101. bosom, 102. sham, 103. demur, 104. creep, 105. demur, 106. resolute, 107. pigeon, 108. diffident, 109. dingy, 110. ebb, 111. turban, 112. disillusion, 113. brilliantly

114. im____e the cloth in the dye *v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
115. qu__r fashion *adj.* strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way
116. th__b with excitement *v.* to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart
117. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
118. a drapery sal____on *n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers
119. ye__n after my old days *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
120. per____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
121. hu__e in a temporary shelter *v.* to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
122. pl__e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
123. s__m the door *v.* to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
124. vi____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
125. speak in an ab____t manner *adj.* sudden and unexpected
126. pl__e of feathers *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

ANSWERS: 114. immerse, 115. queer, 116. throb, 117. disrupt, 118. salesperson, 119. yearn, 120. persuasive, 121. huddle, 122. plunge, 123. slam, 124. vitality, 125. abrupt, 126. plume

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She _____ for the days when things were simpler.
v. to strongly desire or long for something

2. The man _____ her on the street and asked for money.
v. to approach and speak to someone aggressively or insistently

3. The farmers raise _____ for their meat, eggs, and feathers.
n. a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill

4. The playful _____ swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.
n. a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas

5. The _____ fin of the fish was slightly damaged but still functional.
adj. pertaining to the tail end of a body

6. The man wore a _____ as part of his traditional cultural attire.
n. a headdress consisting of a long piece of cloth wound around the head and sometimes the face

7. The receiver _____ the ball, and the other team recovered it.
v. to handle something awkwardly; to make mistakes or errors in attempting something

8. He _____ a fire in the fireplace to warm the room.
v. to start a fire; to light

ANSWERS: 1. yearned, 2. accosted, 3. ostriches, 4. otter, 5. caudal, 6. turban, 7. fumbled, 8. kindled

9. The curtains were made of a _____ sheer material that let in plenty of light.
adj. thin and translucent; like film
10. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
11. The wound continued to _____ with pain, despite the medication.
v. to beat with a strong, regular rhythm, as a pulse or a heart
12. Aging _____ up slowly with time.
v. to move slowly, quietly, and carefully, usually to avoid being seen or heard
13. He played the piano _____ at the concert.
adv. in an intelligent, graceful, or skillful manner; very brightly or effectively
14. The children _____ together for warmth in the cold winter storm.
v. to crowd or press closely together; cuddle
15. She looked _____ on her wedding day.
adj. emitting light or heat; shining brightly
16. The severe _____ caused by the drought has left many people without food.
n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
17. The bar of soap produced a thick _____ as she washed her hands.
n. a frothy substance produced by mixing soap and water, used for cleaning
18. Animal desire and preference are always _____ from their behavior.
v. to form an opinion or conclude that something is true based on existing facts

ANSWERS: 9. filmy, 10. plunged, 11. throb, 12. creeps, 13. brilliantly, 14. huddled, 15. radiant, 16. famine, 17. lather, 18. inferred

19. She _____ a shawl over her shoulders to keep warm.

- v.* to arrange or hang cloth or clothing loosely over something, typically in a decorative way; to cover or decorate loosely with material

20. He was in a _____ from the sudden news and couldn't process it properly.

- n.* the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally; (verb) to confuse or stun someone with a sudden intense light or loud noise

21. He was forced to _____ in the dark for the light switch.

- v.* to feel one's way by touching, typically because one cannot see

22. He received the title of the best _____ in all our branches worldwide.

- n.* a person whose job is to sell goods in a shop or directly to customers

23. She felt _____ with the management and decided to leave.

- v.* to disappoint someone or something because you found that something you believed in or hoped for was not as it seemed

24. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

25. His talent for singing is _____.

- adj.* clearly recognizable; impossible to mistake or misunderstand

26. He _____ agreed to go to the party.

- adv.* in a way that you are unwilling to do something; with hesitation

ANSWERS: 19. draped, 20. daze, 21. grope, 22. salesperson, 23. disillusioned, 24. disrupt, 25. unmistakable, 26. reluctantly

27. She _____ the door shut, angry at the person on the other side.
v. to shut a door or window noisily; to strike something violently or noisily
28. Burglars _____ the store, stealing everything of value.
v. to search through something thoroughly, often in a destructive or violent manner
29. The hospital provides _____ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.
n. a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
30. The archer's hands _____ as he aimed the arrow at the target.
v. to shake or tremble with a slight, rapid motion
31. The flowers had a _____ tint, indicating they needed to be riper.
adj. having a color that is a shade of blue
32. She was so engrossed in her work that she was _____ to her surroundings.
adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
33. Her voice was _____ as she spoke in front of a large audience.
adj. tending to shake or quiver; timid
34. The _____ room needed a fresh coat of paint.
adj. dark, gloomy, and dirty
35. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.
v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

ANSWERS: 27. slammed, 28. ransacked, 29. cots, 30. quivered, 31. bluish, 32. oblivious, 33. tremulous, 34. dingy, 35. lingered

36. He was _____ when meeting new people, often struggling to make conversation.

adj. lacking self-confidence; shy

37. She was _____ when she heard the news.

adj. angry or resentful at what is perceived as unfair treatment

38. The behavior of the clown at the party was quite _____.

adj. strange or odd, typically in an interesting or attractive way

39. The tide was at its _____ revealing the sandy beach.

n. the movement of the tide out to sea; low tide; (verb) to flow back or recede

40. Red and _____ are opposites on the color spectrum.

adj. between blue and purple in hue

41. He carried a knife in his _____.

n. a woman's breasts or chest

42. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

43. He was _____ in his determination to succeed.

adj. firm in purpose or belief; determined

44. The old flag was _____ and torn.

adj. (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered

ANSWERS: 36. diffident, 37. indignant, 38. queer, 39. ebb, 40. violet, 41. bosom, 42. plume, 43. resolute, 44. ragged

45. She _____ the flowers off the bush.
- v.* to pull or draw something, especially with sudden force or effort; to strip of feathers
46. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
- n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
47. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.
- n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
48. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
49. He _____ himself in his research.
- v.* to become fully involved in a particular activity; to dip or submerge in a liquid, especially so that they or it are entirely covered
50. The sky was a beautiful pink and orange color at _____.
- n.* the soft, diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon, either from sunrise to sunrise or sunset to sunset
51. When asked to participate in the project, she _____ saying she was too busy.
- v.* to raise objections or show reluctance
52. The sudden, _____ change in weather caught everyone by surprise.
- adj.* sudden and unexpected

ANSWERS: 45. plucked, 46. pigeon, 47. vitality, 48. drown, 49. immersed, 50. twilight, 51. demurred, 52. abrupt

53. He had a _____ look in his eyes as he remembered the past.

adj. expressing a feeling of vague, sad, or inconsolable longing

54. She wrapped herself in the luxurious _____ coat on the cold winter day.

n. a small carnivorous mammal with dark brown fur, native to North America and Europe

55. The _____ of people made it hard to move through the crowd.

n. a large crowd of people

56. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

57. The data he prepared was completely _____.

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

58. The building was _____ with fire.

adj. on fire; burning brightly

59. The _____ couch had seen better days.

adj. (of a building or object) in poor condition through age and neglect

60. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

61. She gave an _____ speech at the graduation ceremony.

adj. able to speak or write clearly and impressively

ANSWERS: 53. wistful, 54. mink, 55. throng, 56. persuasive, 57. sham, 58. ablaze, 59. shabby, 60. creditor, 61. eloquent

62. The _____ leaves on the tree indicated a disease.

adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades

63. The artist received _____ for their work from critics and fans alike.

n. the feeling or attitude of respect and approval for someone or something

ANSWERS: 62. mottled, 63. admiration